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AMORY OF CIA SPEAKS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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Howard Reig, World News Roundup, 7:30 A.M., WRCA, New York, and
NBC Network:

REIG: "A top United States Intelligence Agency official has a fairly optimistic outlook on prospects for getting along with the Russians in the future. To Ken Kirk of Station WIS, Columbia, South Carolina:"

KIRK: "A decidedly optimistic view of American and Soviet relations through the current Berlin situation and the next fifteen years was expressed last night by a high Central Intelligence Agency official. Robert Amory, Jr., Deputy Director of the CIA made his first on-the-record address in some four years as part of a foreign policy lecture at the University of South Carolina.

"Amory, one of the handful of Americans who know most about Soviet plans, contended Russia is not ready to risk a major nuclear conflict. Claiming the Berlin situation a deadly serious one, Amory still felt the Russians will not have enough to challenge us by this spring except in nerve, and when the show-down comes, the Soviets will back down.

"He pointed out the Russians need a 15-year period of peace, in order to meet the economic goal they have set for themselves and that war would totally destroy their present progress. On disarmament, Amory said the Soviet Union is more serious on this score than meets the eye.

"He concluded with a hopeful note that the increasing education of the Soviet Union, its leaders and its people would bring them to a better understanding of America, and in time lead to a mellowing of the Russian relationship with the West.

"This is Ken Kirk in Columbia, South Carolina."